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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-210-E - ORDER NO. 97-379

MAY 14, 1997

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric ) ORDER  
& Gas Company for Approval of its ) APPROVING  
Underground Street Lighting Rate ) RATE  
Schedule No. 18. ) SCHEDULE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G or the Company) for approval of its Underground Street Lighting Rate Schedule No. 18. According to SCE&G, Rate Schedule 18 will offer new decorative outdoor street and area lighting to customers served from existing underground distribution facilities. Also, according to SCE&G, the Rate Schedule will provide customers the options of various sized and shaped luminaries as well as various sized and designed poles. The Schedule has been produced in response to customers requests. SCE&G furnished further details of its new Rate Schedule for the Commission's consideration. SCE&G states its belief that approval of this Lighting Rate Schedule will allow for more customer satisfaction. In addition, it does not change the current charge for any light currently offered. The Company accordingly requests Commission approval for the proposed Underground Street Lighting Rate Schedule without hearing or notice as provided by S.C. Code

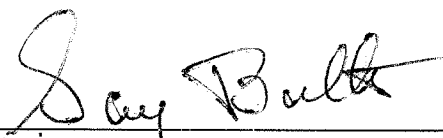
Ann. Section 58-27-870(F)(Supp. 1996), in that this Rate Schedule does not require a determination of the entire rate structure and overall rate of return, does not result in any revenue increase to the Company, and provides for orderly rate administration.

We have examined this matter, and agree that Rate Schedule 18 may be approved under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-870(F)(Supp. 1996) without notice or hearing. We also believe that the approval of this Schedule will give new lighting options to customers of the Company. Further, present customers are not prejudiced because the current charge for any light currently offered will not be affected. We therefore approve Rate Schedule 18. The Company shall furnish ten (10) copies of the approved Schedule within ten (10) days from the receipt of this Order.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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